

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD FOR TREATING SURFACE OF  
MATERIAL, SURFACE-TREATED  
MATERIAL, MEDICAL MATERIAL, AND  
MEDICAL INSTRUMENT

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Examiner: N. T. Gugliotta

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)**

MS Amendment  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6.